## Northumberland County Republican Committee Minutes of Meeting 1/12/22

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marion Cockrell at 6:00 p.m. Linda Herring led the Committee in prayer; Austin Schmidt led the Pledge to the flag; and Dee Meredith read the Republican Creed.

There were 18 members who signed in, and that is a quorum.

The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as published. Dee Meredith stated that her comments regarding checking out candidates before endorsing them were not included in the minutes; she agreed they could be included in these minutes.

Cindy Marston gave the Treasurer's Report. Current balances are: \$10,686.78 Operating Account; \$10,845.22 Federal Account; and \$1,280.50 Scholarship Account. The total of all accounts is \$22,812.50. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

During her remarks, Marion said that Vice Chairman, Junior Fisher, had COVID, as well as Ed Rittenhouse. During the Unfinished Business portion of the meeting, Patrick O'Brien said the By-Laws Committee needed a third member. Marion asked for a volunteer. There have been no revisions since 1996. The committee will present their revisions to the NCRC at the February meeting; then members will have a month to study the recommended revisions and vote on them at the March meeting. Marion will scan the by-laws and send a copy to members to review and be ready to discuss at the February meeting. Motion was made and passed to form the By-laws Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 and NCRC members enjoyed a holiday dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Thompson

### Northumberland County Republican Committee Minutes of Meeting 2/09/22

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Junior Fisher at 7:00 p.m. Linda Herring led the Committee in prayer; Austin Schmidt led the Pledge to the flag; and Dee Meredith read the Republican Creed.

There were 20 members who signed in, constituting a quorum.

The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published. Linda Herring brought up the fact that Dee Meredith's comments regarding vetting candidates before endorsing them were not included in the minutes; that is taken care of by the revised by-laws.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Vice Chair Fisher gave the Treasurer's Report. Current balances are: \$10,847.15 Federal Account; \$9,974.95 Operating Account; and \$1,280.50 Scholarship Account. The total of all accounts is \$22,052.58. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Patrick O'Brien led a discussion on the proposed By-Laws. Patrick, Bob Heller and Marion Cockrell were on the Committee. The committee presented the revisions to the NCRC then members will have a month to study the recommended revisions and vote on them at the March meeting. A new Article V shows the procedure to address the support or endorsement of candidates. Dee Meredith objected to the idea of giving campaign donations to a candidate without a committee discussion.

Bob Heller suggested rewording Article V to move "except candidates for School Board" after "financial or otherwise." Patrick O'Brien is concerned that School Board candidates must run as Independent according to state law and he does not want any lawsuits against NCRC. We cannot give money to School Board candidates, so no candidate for School Board should ask us for money or endorsement.

Vice Chair Fisher temporarily tabled the By-Law discussion so the meeting could continue. Lynn Stewart talked about the redistricting committee she served on, to adjust the voting districts in Northumberland County as a result of the 2020 census. A draft of the new districts is on the county web site for citizen comments. Richard Haynie said Lynn was the only committee member who had done her research, and it was evident in her remarks.

Brady Mills, a representative of Rep. Rob Wittman, had nominating petitions and asked members to have other county residents sign the petitions.

Michael Schoelwer, Chair of the Lancaster County, VA, Republican party, addressed NCRC on the matter of school choice.

Jeff Ryan, Chair of the First Congressional District, announced the convention will be held on June 4, 2022. Location will be announced later. He needs names of delegates to the convention seven days prior.

Vice Chair Fisher returned to the By-Laws revision. Bob Heller moved to accept the proposed changes, motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Thompson

### **Northumberland County Republican Committee**

### Minutes of Meeting 3/09/22

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marion Cockrell at 7:00 p.m. Linda Herring led the Committee in prayer; Austin Schmidt led the Pledge to the flag; and Dee Meredith read the Republican Creed.

It was ascertained that a quorum was present.

The agenda was approved as published.

The Mass Meeting notice was approved.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as published.

Marion presented the Treasurer's Report. Current balances are: \$9,898. 45, Operating Account; \$10,848.86, Federal Account; \$1,280.50, Scholarship Account. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

The Committee accepted application for membership from Tim Armstrong.

Marion announced that we will be present at the Heathsville Farmer's Market in August and September. She asked that those Committee members who had nominating petitions for Rob Wittman to turn them in to Brady. She also said that Lance Marston has undergone medical tests while in Florida, and may need a pacemaker.

The quilt is ready to be picked up. Marion asked for suggestions for second and third prizes for the raffle. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the raffle will go to the Scholarship Fund. She thanked Junior Fisher for conducting the February meeting in her absence.

Brady talked about changes due to redistricting of Rob Wittman's district. He said the nominating petitions must be turned in by April.

The final draft of the Committee By-Laws was emailed to members. Marion asked for changes or additions. Jim Penney mentioned a change of "he" to "he/she." Suggested making a change on Page 4 from "he/she" to "Chair," Also suggested "handicapped accessible meeting place." Grammitical and spelling changes may be made as well. The changes were approved. Those changes will be made and a final vote will be held next month

Marion next brought up the oyster roast or rally fund raiser. Jim Michel will contact Lake Cowart about an oyster roast. Asked campaign managers to let Marion know what would be good for Rob Wittman. The Committee will make the decision on oyster roast or rally at next month's meeting.

Lynn Stewart next spoke about the Northumberland County School Board expenditures. She explained the school board would be at the Board of Supervisors meeting the next night (March 10, 2022), and urged members to attend.

Linda Herring thanked everyone who brought items for the refreshment table. She asked members to please let her know when you plan to bring something,

Edgar Doleman stated that there is absolutely no awareness of the school board about students' averages, Northumberland County is slightly below Virginia averages, and Virginia is below the national averages. We must look at where we are: measure it, then measure where we want to get to—then we can work towards that.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Thompson

Minutes of Mass Meeting

7:00 PM, April 13, 2022 Northumberland Women's Club Meeting Facility 2928 Northumberland Highway, Lottsburg, Va.

Marion Cockrell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Northumberland Women's Club. Linda Herring gave the invocation and Austin Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Betty Self read the Republican Creed. Jim Michel nominated Junior Fisher to be Temporary Chairman. Jim also nominated Gayle Thompson to be Temporary Secretary. The Temporary Chairman appointed Patrick Obrien to be the Parlimentarian. He also appointed Lynn Stuart t to chair the Credentials Committee. Lynn made a motion to approve all 27 recent applicants to the Committee. Patrick Obrien seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Patick Obrien nominated Marion Cockrell to be elected Chairman of the NCRC. All voted Aye. Ed Rittenhouse made a motion to accept the rules as presented. All voted Aye. (All temporary offices became permanent.) Jim Michel then nominated Jessica Guy-Haynie to be Permanent Secretary. All voted Aye. The Vice Chair then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Guy-Haynie, Secretary

### NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting

7:00 PM Wed. April 13, 2022 Northumberland Woman's Club, Lottsburg, VA

Marion Cockrell, Chairman, called the meeting to order following the Mass Meeting. She presented a report on Lance Marston's health while in Florida: a pacemaker may be needed. Cindy sent her Treasurer's report from Florida. The balance is\$22,995.40.

Timmy Minor spoke for Margret Ransone, thanking the Committee for our efforts in the November election. Parental choice was the big issue. Legislation will be stymied by Dems in the Senate. Budget is not yet complete. Redistricting is in court. For tax relief, Dems want to issue gift cards while Republicans want to lower taxes.

All money raised by the sale of quilt tickets goes to the Scholarship Fund. Ed Rittenhouse is donating one of his "therapeutic" works of art...miniature representations of historic work boats. For the Third place prize of the Quilt drawing, a generic gift card was suggested.

Lauren Keyser is now reinstated to the Committee, although she may be moving.

Bob Heller raised the issue of the" clean up" of the By Laws. Bob suggested voting on them as is. Patrick Obrien said they were acceptable. The vote was Aye. They were signed by Marion Cockrell and Jessica Guy-Haynie. Bob Heller requested a copy of the signatures via computer.

The Chairman brought up the subject of planning for the fall Rally/ Oyster Roast. Rob Wittman has a challenger this year. Oct. 8 is the target date. Lakie is eager to help but the Health Department is difficult to deal with.

The Chairman reminded us that our Senator is now Richard Stuart and not Ryan McDougal.

Lynn Stuart reported on her delving into public records concerning budget expenditure comparisons between like-county School Boards. As it turns out, Northumberland is most like Fairfax County. It is more costly to educate kids in our little county than those in the behemoth Fairfax. This pressures the escalation of property taxes, as Patrick pointed out. Lynn urged everyone to support the efforts of the BOS in this matter.

Marion questioned the status of the EMS Radio System. Richard Haynie said an announcement of some kind is expected in the upcoming BOS Meeting.

The Chairman asked for a motion to ad journ. Patrick so moved .

Respectively submitted,

Jessica Guy-Haynie, Secretary

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting 7 PM May 11, 2022 Northumberland Woman's Club, Lottsburg, VA

The Chairman, Marion Cockrell, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Lindu Herring was asked to give the Invocation and Austin Schmidt was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Penny read the Republican Creed. The Chairman asked for an approval of the Agenda. There were no additions or corrections. Patrick Obrien moved to accept the Agenda as written. All said Aye. The Chairman then asked for additions and/or corrections of the Minutes of the Mass Meeting and monthly Meeting following the Mass Meeting. There were three items: "Keyser" was changed to Keiser", Rvan McDougal will remain our State Senator until the Courts finally resolve the issue of Redistricting in our fair state ...perhaps, in 2023. The third item refers to a procedure in the Mass Meeting. "Temporary officers become permanent." The Secretary explained this was a mechanism through which a surprise power grab can be avoided during a Mass Meeting. It can happen like a flash. To prevent this from occurring, the Temporary Chairman gives assignments to the various committees, the Rules Committee being one. He requests a reading of the Rules and the chairman of the Rules Committee moves to accept the rules as written. Embedded within the rules is the wording that makes the temporary officers become permanent, thus eliminating the window of opportunity. This Device has been used since Col. Dwight Taylor was Chairman. Patrick moved to accept the Minutes with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was read by Cindy Marston, fresh from Florida. The total balance is \$22,118.74 and the report is included here in.

Remarks by the Chairman:

New members were presented to the Committee: Michael Downing, Arthur E. Carver III, Rick Conway and Cindy Marston. Patrick, Junior and Cindy were made permanent officers. The Chairman asked for help from the membership to make her Karioki machine-plus-mic serve to improve the audio quality of whomever may be speaking. Several ideas were offered. May 16<sup>th</sup> is Senior Night at the high school. She will be making the presentation of the NCRC Scholarships at that time.

Remarks by Vice Chairman:

Vice Chairman Junior Fisher asked for confirmation of the loss of membership after missing 3 meetings. He was concerned that 40 members have fallen from attendance. JR. and Jim Michel both volunteered to call them. Bob Heller said we need to have an active membership. Lynn Stuart said we need a vision...other than the usual mechanics of an election. We need asub group to work out a plan.

Guest speaker: Sheriff Johnny Beachamp

His appearance was postponed until next meeting due to illness. Cheryl and Maurice Johnson volunteered to brief us on some of the facts. One child is abducted every 4 minutes here. It is modern day slavery. Masks are used to cover taped mouths of these youngsters. A movie on the subject is Sounds of Freedom. Other suggested items to check ou tare 2000 Mules and Truth Social, Trump's social media.

Old Business: Fund Raiser will be an oyster roast for Rob Wittman. .Jim Michel so moved and all voted yea. Prizes to include the Quilt, Ed Rittenhouse's Work Boat

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sculpture and a \$100 Gift Card. The Vice Chair reminded us to confirm Rob's Schedule early.

New Business: Bob Heller, the new webmaster, demonstrated the NCRC website. It was quite impressive. Contact him at <a href="webmaster@Northumberland.GOP">webmaster@Northumberland.GOP</a>. Members only access code: Feb 22, 1732.

The Chairman asked for a motion to close the meeting. Patrick said "so move." All said aye.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Guy-Haynie, Secretary.

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Minutes of Meeting 6:30 PM June 8, 2022

Northumberland Women's Club, Lottsburg, VA

The Chairman, Marion Cockrell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in order to accommodate our Guest speakers. Linda Herring was asked to give the Invocation and Austin Schmidt was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Gayle Thompson read the Republican Creed. The Chairman asked if a quorum was present and the Secretary declared it so. The Chairman announced that she, herself, needed to add some items to the Agenda. First, Nancy Gates was present and requested to be re-instated as a member of the NCRC. The Chairman asked for approval from the membership and all said "Aye!." The Chairman called for the Treasurer's report and Cindy Marston proceeded to do so. The total balance is \$20,599.26 and the full report is included herein. There were no additions or corrections. Junior Fisher moved to accept as read. All said "Aye."

Remarks by the Chairman: The Chairman reported on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Senior Night at Northumberland High School. She made the presentations of the NCRC Scholarships at that time. The \$1000 Scholarship was awarded to Julia Seville, who will be attending Liberty University in the fall. The \$500 Scholarship was presented to Thomas Neale, Jr., whose plans are, as of that time, unclear, but whose success and good favor received through the evening indicated his progress worth keeping an eye on in the future.

Remarks by Vice Chairman: None at this time.

Old business: Membership

Jim Michel called/contacted his list and reminded them that membership is renewed annually at the Mass Meeting when other party business is decided (Convention vs. Primary). Junior worked his list also, five of which requested applications for renewal of membership.

Oyster Roast: October 15th, the third Saturday in October

Michael Baughan's band will supply the music. Jim Michel reminded the Chairman to contact Wittman's group for confirmation of his presence, since he is the only candidate running this year. Linda suggested emailing him "looking forward to seeing you in October!"

Bob Heller said you can get information on the website: explore the website while you are at it! There is a link to connect to a ticket source. Contact him at <a href="webmaster@Northumberland.GOP">webmaster@Northumberland.GOP</a>. Members only access code: Feb 22, 1732. The Chairman said the Quilt Tickets are here and ready to be sold! One for \$5 or 3 for \$10! All proceeds from the Quilt Raffle goes to the Scholarship fund.

The Chairman announced there is a possible fieldtrip to RPV before construction begins ...perhaps June 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

Guest speakers: Sheriff Johnny Beauchamp talked about Human Trafficking: labor trafficking as well as sex trafficking. It is a rising problem in Virginia with low risk and high profits. Governor Youngkin is setting up a Commission to study trafficking. The State Police already have a special unit.

Loren Spivack,"Free Market Warrior" and author. Is Capitalism Pro Life.

Mr. Spivack is an economist with a real comic flare for exposing the illogic of liberalism. He has spent the last 12 years visiting conservative organizations expounding upon the subject. Ah! It feels so good to laugh again!

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Guy-Haynie, Secretary

# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting 7 PM July 13, 2022 Northumberland Women's Club, Lottsburg VA

(As corrected and accepted at August 10 monthly meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by the Chairman, Marion Cockrell. Guests were welcomed by the Chair. Jeff Ryer is coming but had not yet arrived. Jim, Terry, and Lon were welcomed. Linda Herring led the Invocation; Austin Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cindy Marston read the Republican Creed. There were no proxies. A quorum was declared present. The agenda was approved: a motion moved and seconded with an Aye vote.

The Chair called for a correction to the May 11 minutes. Patrick moved to correct, and Bob Heller seconded. To the June 8 minutes, Dee reminded us that the password needed a correction: the "comma" needs to be changed to a "period". (Members-only access code: Feb 22. 1732) Jim Penny moved to accept the changes and Bob Heller seconded it. All voted Aye.

The Chair called on the Treasurer, Cindy Marston, for a monthly report. The balance is \$20,100.92 and the full report is included herein. Bob Heller received a bill for the Domain Name update. The Treasurer said there is an NCRC debit card for such purposes and a motion was made and seconded for its use.

The Chairman thanked Mike Baughan for setting out the NCRC sign of the meeting.

Loren Spivak's 4th book will be sent to Marion to distribute. Marion said there was no response for a field trip to RPV.

The Farmer's Market is on August 20th and Sept. 17th from 8:30 to 1 PM. A crew of three or four people with a truck will be needed for setting up and three or four more people are needed to work the site. Marion has ordered a tablecloth to dress up the display.

Three new members were voted into NCRC: Maurice Johnson, Cheryl Johnson, and Dee Meredith.

The Scholarship Fund is a 501 (c3); donations may be made and written off on taxes. The Chair suggested making the 50/50 event into a Scholarship Fund event. Receipts can be issued upon request.

The Chairman encouraged getting out Wittman signs to compete with the Democratic challenger.

Bob Heller requested members check out the website and submit their reactions and suggestions. We can direct ticket seekers to go to the website, fill out the form and tickets can be sent to them. Bob also thought it would be a good year to implement shared responsibility for sign installation. A Precinct Captain in each precinct will secure the locations available plus 2 volunteers to install.

OYSTER ROAST: The date is set for October 15th. Jim Michel will head the Fundraising Planning Committee. Other members include Junior Fisher, Cindy Marston, and Mike Baughan.

Jeff Rer, Chairman of the First District Republican Committee, arrived and was very informative. First District ends at Westmoreland and extends to Poquoson, Williamsburg, York, and West Henrico.

- Maximize Republican votes
- Be clear and consistent with voters
- Issue a Commitment to America like the 1984 Contract to America

Bob Heller moved to adjourn. Joan Parisine seconded the motion.

Respectively submitted, Jessica Guy-Haynie NCRC Secretary

# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting 7 PM Aug. 10, 2022 Northumberland Women's Club, Lottsburg, VA

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Marion Cockrell. Guests were welcomed: Jan and George Beckett, John Petro, Cathleen Sarmento, and Lance Marston. Linda Herring led us in the Invocation, Austin Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lauren Keiser read the Republican Creed. A quorum was declared present with 23 members. There were no changes to the Agenda, so Bob Heller moved to accept it as is. There were several corrections made to the minutes. Bob Heller moved to approve as amended. JR seconded it.

There were two candidates for membership: John Petro and Cathleen Sarmento. Both were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer, Cindy Marston, gave her report. The balance of the three accounts is \$19,903.75. Jim Michel moved to accept as read. Bob Heller seconded it.

The Chairman announced the new chairman of the Lancaster County committee, Joanne Carrington, who assumed the position following the sudden death of the elected chairman. She requested the help and advice of the NCRC in mounting a rally for Rob Wittman. Jim Michel quickly volunteered to assist. Bob Heller also will assist IT if needed. The Lancaster Committee is supportive of our efforts to rally or roast. Our support of their efforts will continue to build Republican influence in the NN.

Junior raised the issue of donations to candidates. The Chairman reported her findings: no funds can come from the general account, up to \$5000 can come from a federal or state account, OR "in kind" can come from a federal account. It was agreed to table the decision until the next meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

Oyster Roast: Jim Michel shared information on the status of all things with Cowart Seafood Corp. Maurice Johnson is assisting him and, I am sure, is having a great time.

Sign Installation: Bob Heller set up a team system of precinct captains (who confirms locations) and installers (who get down and dirty!).

Quilt Sales: Linda Herring is getting a good response from people who want to support a scholarship fund.

RPV Central Committee: Lauren Keiser said they are ready to help if needed

Marion requested a motion to adjourn. Unanimous concurrence!

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Guy-Haynie

NCRC Secretary

### Northumberland County Republican Committee Minutes of Meeting 9-14-2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marion Cockrell at 7:00 p.m. Linda Herring gave the Invocation; Austin Schmidt led the Pledge to the flag; and Julie Pritchard read the Republican Creed.

Chair Marion reported that Governor Younkin has appointed Russell Mait of Kilmarnock to the Air Pollution Board, and Spencer Headley Reedville to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission,, both from Northumberland County. She also stated that David Bruce Foster ran as Independent in Virginia Congressional District 2 and drew votes from the Republican candidate; the Democrat candidate won. He is running in Congressional District 1 this year. We must get out the Republican vote.

Marion introduced Richard Stuart of State Senate District 25, who is now representing Northumberland County there. He summed up some of the legislative successes this year. With the help of Chap Peterson, a Democrat, the mask mandate was ended; health insurance can now be obtained by people in similar groups—such as realtors; voter rolls now must be purged of ineligible voters weekly.

Marion next introduced Jacob Carasella and Noah Lerman of RPV. Jacob said there were two employees at RPV last year; there are now 11 employees. They are helping in campaigns.

The agenda was approved with no changes.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as amended.

A membership application from Greg Lewis Bayse was approved.

Cindy Marston gave the Treasurer's Report. Current balances are: \$8,481.61, Operating Account; \$510.50, Scholarship Account; \$10,860.61, Federal Account. The total of all accounts is \$19,817.33. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Vice Chair reported that the Planning Commission is working on regulations for solar farms. The Commission sent its report on tent camping in the county to the Board of Supervisors. The next meeting of the Commission will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Courts Building.

Unfinished Business: Donation to Rob Wittman—discussion as to whether or not NCRC can contribute to Rob's campaign. Marion will check on that. She has yard signs for Rob. A discussion followed as to outreach we could be involved in. She will check with the campaign for suggestions.

Committee Reports: Jim Michel stated he has the liquor license and expects the Health Department license soon. He said he'd like to eliminate the chili for the hot dogs; there were no objections to that.

Ticket Sales: Cindy Marston has packets of tickets in envelopes and asked each member to take tickets and sell.

Quilt Raffle: Linda Herring also urged members to sell tickets. Tickets will be sold at the Farmer's Market.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gayle Thompson

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting 7 PM Oct. 12, 2022 Northumberland Women's Club, Lottsburg, VA

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by the Chairman, Marion Cockrell. The delay was due to a change of location because of a Women's Club snafoo (she forgot to unlock the door). Jim Michel flew into action and secured an ample space at the Moose Lodge just down the street. Linda Herring led us in the Invocation and Austin Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Chairman moved quickly to accommodate our guest speaker, J. Christian Adams, President and General Council of Public Interest Legal Foundation, which concentrates on election integrity. Trump appointed him to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Besides being a fellow citizen of Northumberland County, he has the distinction of being the last Trump appointee to remain in the Biden administration. He was also made a commissioner on the US Commission on Civil Rights, a twist of fate insuring his permanence at the post. "You can't fire a Civil Rights Commissioner!"... a law born out of spite for Ronald Reagan. He was also in the voting section of the USDOJ: the Black Panther case was the issue that brought him notoriety.

Consent of the governed depends upon everyone following the law. Should there be a breakdown of the Rule of Law, then it all crumbles. The Virginia State Board of Elections instructed the counties to accept ballots with no date and no postmarks. Lawlessness was approved in 165 cases brought by the left to change the law before the election. You don't need machines to undermine the process.

BREAKDOWN THE LAW + PRIVATE MONEY + C-3 CHARITIES RECEIPT WITH CONDITIONS = DESTRUCTION OF ELECTION INTEGRITY

The Chairman returned to business. Jack Porter from the Wittman campaign was not present. There were no requests for a Proxy. A quorum was declared present with 23 members. The agenda was approved. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as written. There were 4 applications for membership: Donald Peebles and Kathrin Peebles D-2, Delores Meo D-1 and Miles Hollingsworth as an Associate Member (under 18 years old) He will be put in contact with the Teen Republicans of Virginia. Bob Heller moved to accept them all. All members said "Aye".

The Chairman called Cindy Marston, Treasurer, for a report.

The operating account \$12,153.27

Federal Account 10,862.08

Scholarship Account .510.50

Total Balance \$22,490.85

Cindy reported that ticket sales for the Oyster Roast look good so far with 165 tickets sold. Please return your unsold tickets. Jim Michel moved to modify the policy of paying \$55 at the door since there were so many people who could not find tickets to purchase before the event. A discussion ensued concerning the ticket's availability and the economic impact versus \$55 at the gate. Nothing was decided since the event was only a few days away.

The Chairman called on the Vice Chairman who said he looked forward to seeing everyone Saturday. A gun show is scheduled for the next day at Tractor Supply.

Jim Michel announced a Free Clinic sponsored by Rappahannock Community College, a 4 day event for first come first serve. He moved to donate \$100 and Bob Heller moved to raise the amount to \$250.

The Chairman called upon Jim Michel, the Oyster Roast Chairman, for a report. "We need volunteers to set up and especially tearing down at the end. Rolls are due in Friday, make cookies, we need help in the kitchen. Explorers will handle parking for us. Lance is handling the sponsors." Linda Herring asked for return tickets for the Quilt raffle.

Bob Heller spoke up about the web site. Christian's link is there so info can be downloaded.

The Chairman announced the expected presence of Richard Stuart, Robb Wittman, Margret Ransome, (Ryan McDougal called with his regards), and Elizabeth Schultz from the State Board of Education.

Marion, Chairman, announced the new member for the Electoral Board for the next 3 years...Bob Heller! The letter for approval has already been submitted to Judge McKenny.

Bob Heller moved to adjourn. It was seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Guy-Haynie, Secretary

Minutes of Meeting

7 PM November 9, 2022

Northumberland Women's Club

The Chairman, Marion Cockrell, called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Linda Herring led the Invocation; Austin Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Michel read the Republican Creed. Guests included Jack Porter representing Rob Wittman, Joey Porter, Elliott Curzon, and Richard Brewer. A quorum was declared present with 28 members.

Jack Porter reported it went well for Rob but the first and tenth Districts were disappointing. Jim Penny asked whom Rob was going to support for Speaker of the House. Elliott Curzon shared his precinct experiences as legal liaison with the Registrar: Ballot Book Rolait is stealing another person's name of some unsuspecting person.

Linda Herring moved to accept the minutes as read. Cindy Marston gave the much-awaited Treasurer's Report. The previous balance of the three accounts was \$18,489.90. The Federal Account balance was \$10,864.00 less Wittman's \$1,000 donation. The Scholarship Account after a very successful Quilt Raffle was \$1,707.50 and the total balance of all three accounts is \$30,026.40.

The Chairman requested the Committee Report on the Oyster Roast by Jim Michel who expressed satisfaction as he said "Thanks to All! A good time was had by All!" There were 302 in attendance. There was less money spent on advertising (\$330.00 worth). The tables and chairs were on loan from the Fire Dept. Coroplast signage was used throughout the county. The financial yield was \$18,863.

The Chairman expressed "Thanks!" for everyone's help at the precincts on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Three tents were destroyed by the heavy wind the night before. Bob Heller said the Dems got heavyduty tents for \$200 per tent. The Woodworks Guild has good tents, also.

The Chairman raised the issue of the January meeting/Xmas dinner...an eatery or buffet?

The Vice Chairman, Junior Fisher, said Thanks for the Oyster Roast, and Jim Michel deserves a big standing "O" for his efforts in managing the Oyster Roast!

Bob Heller, the webmaster, urged us to check out the site for Ballot Point Summary and pictures. He was also managing sign installation for both the campaign and Oyster Roast. Bob said there were 30- 4x8 Wittman signs to be collected and returned to the campaign. Oyster Roast signs need to be collected as well and delivered to the sign maker for storage.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Guy-Haynie

### Minutes of Meeting

Northumberland Women's Club 7 PM December 14, 2022

The Chairman, Marion Cockrell, called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Linda Herring led the Invocation, Austin Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance and John Aramantides read the Republican Creed. A quorum was declared present with 16 members. The agenda was short with no guest speakers. The minutes were accepted as read. There were no requests for membership in the NCRC.

The Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2022, is as follows:

•	Operating Account Balance	\$19,190.72
•	With outstanding checks	18,485.89
•	Federal Account Balance	9,865.62
•	Scholarship Account unchanged	1,727.50
•	Total Balance for three accounts	\$30,079.01

First on the agenda: Holly Swann of Northumberland High School contacted the Chairman to confirm the continuance of the NCRC scholarship program. If so, she will be sure to have all the necessary paperwork ready. The Chairman so confirmed. So, fundraising begins now!

Second, on the agenda was a discussion concerning the up and coming elections. Do we need to donate funds to the RPV? It is imperative that we take control of the Senate. Richard Stuart is running for re-election to the Senate. We must strategically support talented candidates. Junior pointed out that all Constitutional Offices are up as well as the School Board and Board of Supervisors in Districts 1, 4, and 5. Sheriff, Commonwealth Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Soil and Water Conservation Board, Treasurer as well as the General Assembly are all on the ticket.

Asked by the Chairman for a comment, the Vice Chair wished all a "very Merry Christmas!"

The Electoral Board has been reformed with Bob Heller as Chair and Austin Schmidt as Vice Chair.

Rob Wittman sent the NCRC a thank you note for the contribution to his campaign.

Lastly, the Committee decided on a January catered dinner by Zina. The cost per person is \$21.50.

Bob Heller moved to adjourn and Maurice seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Guy Haynie, Secretary